

this part. MARAD will accept electronic options (such as facsimile and Internet) for transmission of required information to MARAD, if practicable.

(2) *General eligibility requirements.* Chapter 535 specifies who is eligible for a fund and the application instructions specify what information is required to establish such eligibility. An applicant must:

(i) Be a citizen of the United States within the meaning of 46 U.S.C. 50501, as amended (46 U.S.C. 802, 803). See part 355 of this title for requirements for establishing United States citizenship;

(ii) Own or be the lessee of one or more eligible vessels or share thereof as defined in 46 U.S.C. 53501, or be party to a contract for the construction of one or more eligible vessels, or share thereof, as defined in paragraph (b) of § 390.5;

(iii) Have a program which furthers the purposes of the Act (see § 390.3 relating to policy considerations) and provides for the acquisition, construction or reconstruction of a qualified vessel, as defined in 46 U.S.C. 53501(5). Such provisions state that the vessel will be operated in the United States foreign, Great Lakes, noncontiguous domestic, or short sea transportation trade as defined in 46 U.S.C. 53501 and 46 U.S.C. 109(b); and

(iv) Demonstrate the financial capabilities to accomplish the program.

(b) *Information which may be required in conjunction with the application.* An applicant must provide such facts, documents and materials as the Maritime Administrator may require in considering whether to enter into an agreement. An applicant should be ready to make available such applicable materials, including, but not limited to: Design plans, data concerning the reasonableness of the cost of the program, construction contracts, financial statements, certificates of incorporation, bylaws, articles of partnership, stock ownership data and other information including judgments and pending litigation which would affect the proposed

program. The specific information required is set forth in the instructions.

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§ 390.3 Policy considerations.

(a) *In general.* It is the policy of the United States, as set forth in 46 U.S.C. 50501, that for the national defense and the development of its foreign and domestic commerce, the United States shall have a merchant marine: sufficient to carry a substantial portion of its water-borne export and import foreign commerce and to provide shipping service essential for maintaining the flow of such commerce at all times; capable of serving as auxiliaries in time of war or national emergency; owned and operated by United States citizens insofar as practicable and composed of the best equipped, safest and most suitable types of vessels, constructed and documented in the United States and manned with United States citizens.

(b) *Unacceptable programs*—(1) *In general.* The Maritime Administrator will not enter into an agreement where the proposed program is not, in his opinion, in consonance with the policies of the Act.

(2) *Specific unacceptable programs.* The Maritime Administrator will not enter into an agreement where the proposed program is merely to accomplish the following:

(i) Reconstruction of an existing vessel, unless such reconstruction will exceed \$1,000,000 in cost, will be capitalized under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations thereunder and will result in a vessel which is significantly more competitive;

(ii) Acquisition of an existing vessel; or

(iii) Payment of the principal on existing indebtedness.

(3) *Waiver.* The Maritime Administrator may, for good cause shown, waive the provisions of paragraph (b)(2) of this section. For example, the Maritime Administrator may waive the monetary limit in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of

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this section where the applicant proposes to reconstruct a small vessel.

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§ 390.4 Description of the agreement.

(a) *In general.* The agreement consists of a standard part and appended schedules. The standard part of the agreement contains recitals, covenants and warranties which apply to all parties. The appended schedules set forth the particular program of the party and contain other information unique to each agreement. See § 390.6 (relating to administration of the agreement) for procedures and criteria for the modification of schedules.

(b) *Schedule A—Eligible agreement vessels.* Schedule A lists the names of eligible agreement vessels (as defined in § 390.5), whether owned or leased, and the allowable percentage of the depreciation ceiling, if any, available for deposit purposes by the party. See § 390.7 (relating to deposits) for allowable depreciation in the case of leased vessels.

(c) *Schedule B—Program—(1) In general.* Schedule B sets forth the program of the party including the cost of the program and the time in which the program shall be accomplished.

(2) *Items in Schedule B.* Schedule B shall contain:

(i) A statement describing each qualified agreement vessel (as defined in § 390.5) to be acquired, constructed or reconstructed. In the case of reconstruction, the statement will include a general description of the work to be performed;

(ii) The anticipated date on which the acquisition, construction or reconstruction of each qualified agreement vessel will commence;

(iii) The anticipated total cost, including any costs which will not be paid from the fund, of the acquisition, construction or reconstruction of each qualified agreement vessel; and

(iv) The amount to be withdrawn from the fund with respect to the acquisition, construction or reconstruction of each qualified agreement vessel.

(3) *Submission of contracts.* When a contract is executed for any acquisition, construction or reconstruction relating to the agreement, such contract shall be submitted within 30 days after

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execution to the Maritime Administrator who shall then determine whether such undertaking is in accordance with the program set forth in Schedule B.

(d) *Schedule C—Depositories.* Schedule C lists, by name and address, the depositories of the fund. See § 390.7 (relating to deposits).

(e) *Schedule D—Minimum deposits.* Schedule D sets forth the minimum deposits which must be made into the fund. See § 390.7 (relating to deposits) for the procedure in setting minimum deposits.

(f) *Submission of proposed schedules.* An applicant shall submit proposed schedules with his application. The specific information required in such schedules is set forth in the application instructions referred to in paragraph (a)(1) of § 390.2. A sample agreement (standard part and appended schedules) is contained in appendix II to this part.

§ 390.5 Agreement vessels.

(a) *In general.* 46 U.S.C. 53501 states the requirements for eligible, qualified and agreement vessels. The rules in this section further define such terms and state how vessels must be listed on Schedules A and B in the agreement.

(b) *Eligible agreement vessels—(1) Definition.* An eligible agreement vessel, which may be used to establish ceilings for deposit purposes, is any vessel:

(i) Constructed in the United States, and if reconstructed, reconstructed in the United States; the term *constructed or reconstructed in the United States* includes any vessel which was constructed or reconstructed outside of the United States but documented under the laws of the United States on April 15, 1970, or constructed or reconstructed outside of the United States for use in the United States foreign commerce pursuant to a contract entered into before April 15, 1970;

(ii) Documented under the laws of the United States;

(iii) Operated in the foreign or domestic commerce of the United States;

(iv) Engaged primarily in the waterborne carriage of men, materials, goods or wares; and

(v) Designated in the agreement as an “eligible agreement vessel.”